

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on October 10, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.. Present were Bob Foley Don Peters, Mark Manning and Karen Rhodes. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator and Shari Johnson, Engineer, were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Don moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Income Survey. Shari shared information on the income survey. There are a few options on how to complete an income survey. Currently "Somers" includes all the houses down the west side of Flathead Lake to Lakeside. The income level in the Somers Water District is much lower than the census for the "Somers" shows. To proceed with a water loan to build a new water tank we will need to do an income survey for the entire water district, excluding all properties outside the district. If everyone fills out the survey showing their income, name and address we could get some grant money that would help all within the district. Discussion was held concerning whether to mail an income survey, knock on doors or hold a public meeting with the hopes of a large turnout that will fill out the surveys. Shari stated that Rural Water will help with the public meeting and manage the income surveys for free. There are a few different formats for the income survey, Shari will check with funding agencies to make sure which format will be accepted for all agencies not just one. She will return to the Board in November with more information from each funding agency on what requirements they have, do we need a PER, and the income surveying.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Engineer's Report. Shari stated that in the very near future we will need to advertise a Engineering Procurement Agreement for the water tank project. Andy will proceed with an Engineering Procurement Agreement.

Shari has contacted LHC, Inc. concerning the coliform testing since the completion of the new main. Shari and Andy will meet with LHC who seems willing to help with this situation.

Shari will also bring water models to the meeting in November.

A "will serve" letter was written up after a committee meeting with Bill Paulin, Marc Liechti, Ruth Hellen, Mark Manning, Shari Johnson and Andy Loudermilk were present.

It appears that Steamboat Landing and the District committee are very close to agreeing on requirements for the "will serve". Andy requested Richard Gebhardt to write the "will serve" with agreements between the committee and Steamboat Landing. Discussion was held concerning the draft "will serve" letter. Andy sent the agreement to Marc and Marc forwarded the letter to Bill and Tim. We have not received any comment from the Marc or the developers.

Ruth asked the Board about interest in proceeding with a District Office. It was agreed unanimously that purchase of the building for an office will not proceed at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andy explained that he continues to fix the coliform testing. He has chlorinated, flushed the mains many times. He has contacted DEQ and they have been advising him as to what to do. Andy is concerned that due to the rules of the DEQ we only have 2 more bad samples that we can get, if we get 2 more the DEQ will mandate permanent chlorination for the district water.

Andy also explained that the coliform bacteria IS NOT e-coli, it could be caused by dirt, rocks, pine cones, etc. in the water main. It is NOT dangerous for people to drink.

He will continue working on this issue.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. The financial Reports for September 30, 2018 were presented.

B. Bills. The Upaid Bills Report was presented.

Mark moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to pay the bills totaling \$14,927.62.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. None.

D. **Delinquents.** The delinquent list was presented. As per policy notices will be given.

Andy reported that he had talked with Cody and he is definitely not interested in continuing his employment after October 31, 2018.

Andy will continue to look for a replacement back-up operator.

Being no further business.

Bob moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m..

Minutes approved at the November 14, 2019 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary